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'I'm No Communist'

Toronto Man Fights CIA

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A Toronto resident accused by an agent of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency of being a Soviet spy feels the CIA is trying to put itself above the courts in its reply to a \$110,000 slander suit.

The suit was filed by Erik Heine, 46, in Baltimore 18 months ago. But the CIA has refused to allow its admitted agent Juri Rauf of Washington to testify on grounds it could endanger U.S. espionage operations at home and abroad.

Heine has charged Rauf, a fellow Estonian, with spreading untrue stories alleging a cloak-and-dagger role by Heine on behalf of the Soviets.

Since 1960 Heine has been a member of the Estonian Central Council, a national organization representing 20,000 Estonian Canadians.

Rauf, 39, is president of the Estonian War Veterans Association in Washington.

Reputation Suffering

While insisting in a telephone interview last night that he was still in good standing with Toronto's Estonian community—which has helped pay the costs of his Washington lawyers—Heine said his reputation was suffering every day.

The CIA admits that Rauf was acting on orders when he made the statements about Heine to gatherings of passionately anti-Communist Estonian groups.

Heine said last evening he could not understand the CIA's

interest in him or why the agency thinks he is an agent of the Russian KGB, roughly a CIA counterpart.

"I'm against the Communists. I've been fighting them for years. I was fighting with the partisans after the war in Estonia and was in a Soviet forced labor camp in the Urals in 1950."

Heine claimed that CIA lawyers tried to make a financial settlement with him last December.

Fight to Death

"On the advice of my lawyers and for just the principle of the thing, I de-

cided to continue the case," he said. "It takes a long time to get this thing settled, but I'll fight to my death."

He said Estonians in North America were divided on the issue. Last evening Enn Salurand, secretary general of the Estonian Central Council described Heine as a "true patriot and anti-Communist." He said the issue was merely a quarrel between Heine and Rauf.

But when informed of the CIA connection, Salurand said later he wasn't sure. "I just don't know. Heine seems to be telling the truth, but I just don't know."